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REMARKS

Applicants elect claims of group II, namely 5-8, 11-18, and 25-43, for examination. Claims of group I, namely 1-4, 9, 23-24, and group III, namely claim 10, are cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these cancelled claims in a divisional application. New variants of claims 1-4 and 23-24 are added as new dependent claims 44-49 of claim 11 in group II. The new dependent claims are patentable for the same reasons as their base claims and have distinguishing elements as set forth in previous responses.

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